

FROM the LAND

ANNUAL MEETING
INVITATION INSIDE

Going Once, Going Twice... Saved! TNC Buys Land at Tax Auction

GOING, GOING, GONE. That could have been the future of the state-rare timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), found in just three localities in Connecticut. But in May, the land protection team of the Connecticut Chapter participated in its first tax sale to date, successfully bidding on three tracts of land at Canaan Mountain which will protect the habitat of the timber rattler and many other declining species. The Conservancy acquired one 16-acre parcel, one 7-acre parcel, and one 3-acre parcel. These properties abut and fill gaps in the existing Housatonic State Forest, adding significantly to the corridor of protected lands at this site. All were obtained for substantially less than fair market value.

The Conservancy has established a private fundraising goal of \$25,000 to cover the purchase and stewardship costs, as well as fees relating to the acquisition of these parcels of land.

An even bigger bargain at Canaan Mountain arrived the same month. TNC received a gift of a 4.78-acre tract of land, nicknamed the

"hatchet piece" because of its shape, from the estate of the late Laura Louise Foster. This donated property was recently assessed at \$22,000. Together, the four Canaan Mountain tracts comprise 31 acres.

Canaan Mountain is home to more than snakes. In spring one can hear a deafening chorus of wood frogs, and see their beady yellow eyes staring up from pools along the mountain's trails. Canaan Mountain also provides habitat for great blue herons, cliff swallows, cerulean warblers, and many bird species that inhabit the forest.

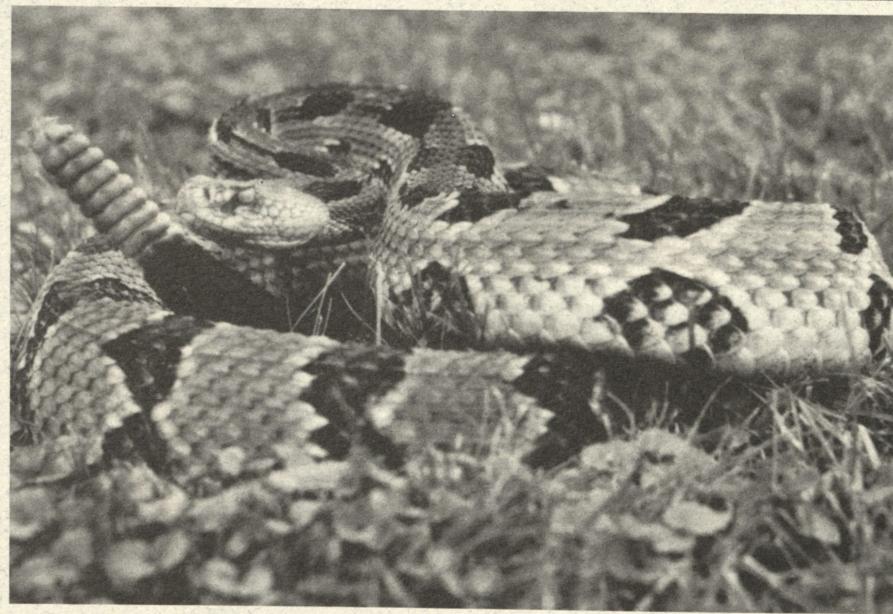
The Canaan Mountain area also boasts a high concentration of state-rare plants, and a wide variety of vegetation types. For example, the "hatchet piece", located at approximately 1,400-feet in elevation, has ledges along which exposure and rapid drainage have made tree cover sparse. Although surrounded by substantial hemlock/northern hardwood forest, this micro-environment contains an interesting association of grasses, dwarf shrubs, and dry-site herbaceous flora.

Historically, the Canaan Mountain landscape has sustained numerous forms of human use and often, abuse. During the 19th century, the low-elevation areas were cleared for agriculture; much of this land is still in cultivation today. The middle and upper slopes of the mountain were logged for timber and fuel wood until the turn of this century. The historic charcoal industry placed unintended stress on the forest ecosystem by generating many runaway fires, and the demands of the historic leather tanning industry in the region extracted its toll by clearcutting hemlocks, trees rich in tannin.

Canaan Mountain, now left largely undisturbed for several decades, has undergone substantial self-repair. The Nature Conservancy's recent acquisitions, when combined with an existing State Natural Area at the site, should help insure that the area remains a valuable sanctuary for plants and wildlife for generations to come.

Members interested in contributing funds for the Canaan Mountain project may contact Tom McGuigan, Director of Development, at the Chapter office.

— CLAUDIA POLSKY



Gifts to Nature

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS I have had the good fortune to work with hundreds of conservation volunteers. One of my most important responsibilities is properly thanking these very special people who generously contribute their ideas, their time, and personal resources to preservation.

As a parent I know that one of the best ways to be thanked is with a hug and a kiss. Obviously that won't work in this instance so I continue to ponder how to best respond to so many kind gestures.

Every day we receive generous responses to requests for financial support from anonymous gifts of \$100,000 to single one-dollar bills mailed by school children to save endangered species. How do we most meaningfully express our appreciation for each and every gift?

The contributions of Conservancy volunteers also make the critical difference between success and mediocrity. The Connecticut Chapter is blessed with several hundred stewardship volunteers. Stewardship is vital to the proper husbandry of rare species and natural communities found on Conservancy preserves. These volunteers, working under the guidance of our stewardship staff, watch over and maintain thousands of acres of Conservancy lands. As described elsewhere in this newsletter, they will brave most elements to help fence piping plover and least tern nesting sites, plant trees to help improve bald eagle habitat, or even help control invasive exotic plants at a preserve. No matter how unpleasant the task or working conditions, our stewardship volunteers respond to the need. Stewardship volunteerism saves the Conservancy a great deal of money, increasing the funds available for habitat preservation.

Trustees of the Connecticut Chapter provide a most vital volunteer service.

Endless meetings, strategy sessions, and fundraising activities should be enough to wear out the most enthusiastic volunteer leader. Yet, each and every Chapter trustee believes so deeply in our mission and formula for success that they are willing to make great personal sacrifices to serve the Conservancy.

Conservancy volunteers often do a "mission impossible". How do you adequately thank someone for giving up their weekend to pick up trash or pull weeds on a preserve; or for pounding in fence posts during a driving rainstorm; or for picking up the telephone to make that always difficult fundraising call?

How do you properly thank visionary leaders like Alex Gardner who is retiring from our Chapter Board after over a decade of unparalleled leadership and unselfish personal sacrifice?

We modestly attempt to thank people in as many ways as possible – writing letters, making public announcements, granting awards, hosting trips to Conservancy projects or through personal visits. We tell people over and over that their individual contribution makes a difference. But words, letters, and phone calls aren't enough.

I believe the most meaningful thank you can be found in all of the natural areas that we have preserved together. This living legacy is the most perfect gift to the future.

As members of a very large conservation organization, it is easy to feel that your individual contribution, whether personal or financial, is insignificant. As Margaret Mead once remarked, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Thank you for making a real difference.

— LES COREY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MARGARET MEAD

Nature Conservancy & Connecticut College Agree on Research & Teaching at Burnham Brook

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CONNECTICUT, The Conservancy has formalized an agreement with a long-established academic institution for the use of a preserve for education and research. Burnham Brook Preserve, a 437-acre site located in East Haddam, will be available to students and faculty at Connecticut College for research and field educational activities.

The Burnham Brook Preserve was established in 1960 by an initial gift of 46 acres from Dr. Richard H. Goodwin and John M. Ide. Dr. Goodwin, Professor Emeritus of Botany at Connecticut College and one of the founding members of The Nature Conservancy, and his wife Esther have played a major role in developing and expanding the preserve, located south of Devil's Hopyard State Park.

Much of the Burnham Brook Preserve was cleared for agricultural use in the 19th century, but nearly all of the land has reverted to forest. Its features include a substantial portion of an unpolluted brook running into the Eight Mile River, permanent springs, red maple swamps, ledge outcrops, and large glacial boulders. The forests are comprised of chestnut oak, red cedar, hickory, yellow birch, sugar maple, and hemlock.

The agreement with Connecticut College, signed on April 27 at the Goodwins' home, allows Connecticut College faculty, students, and research associates primary access to the preserve for scientific study and teaching. In return, the College has agreed to create a committee to provide advice on research and scientific matters pertaining to the preserve, and maintain archives on the research and plant collections from the area. The signing of the agreement essentially formalizes a relationship that has been built over the years between the college and Conservancy staff. A number of research projects have already been conducted by Connecticut College faculty and staff, including a study of forest birds.

Conservancy Director of Science and Stewardship Beth Lapin commented, "I look forward to continuing to work with researchers and faculty at Connecticut College. College staff members, particularly Glenn Dreyer, have made this agreement a pleasure to establish. Research projects such as the impact of woolly adelgids, a hemlock parasite, will prosper under the direction of colleagues from Connecticut College."

Burnham Brook provides unique research opportunities because the land will remain undeveloped permanently and contains a diversity of habitats, ranging from uplands to wetlands. It offers large areas that are inaccessible to visitors and that provide opportunities for undisturbed study of natural phenomena. Furthermore, the preserve has been well inventoried, providing a baseline of information for future research.

After 30 years of dedicated work by the Goodwins, they are pleased to see the union between Connecticut College and the Conservancy formalized. Both of these organizations have benefitted from their wisdom and support. "It's like seeing the marriage of two people who are very important to you," said Dr. Goodwin. "Knowing that this cooperative liaison will continue for many years is very satisfying," he added. 

The Nature Conservancy At Work

	Worldwide		Connecticut
Total Projects	12,561	605	
Total Acres Protected	5,575,852	18,744	
Total Acres Registered	353,010	4,885	
Total Acres Saved	5,928,862	23,629	
Members	562,951	13,964	
Corporate Associates	500	10	

Connecticut College President Dr. Claire Gaudiani and Connecticut Chapter Director Les Corey exchange gifts after signing agreement for the use of the Burnham Brook Preserve. ▼



Paul Horton

National Recognition for the Connecticut River



"To Save a River" Slide Show Available for Your Organization

For more information about how your group can see this show, contact Dorothy Millen at the Chapter office. We have several volunteer speakers to work with your group.

THREE DAYS BEFORE HE DIED IN FEBRUARY, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SILVIO CONTE (R-MASS.) introduced legislation in Congress calling for a National Fish and Wildlife Refuge along portions of the Connecticut River. This proposal was the culmination of Conte's years of advocacy for conservation throughout the nation, his efforts to restore the Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut and its tributaries, and his great love for New England's largest river. The Conservancy's Eastern Regional Office in Boston had worked extensively with Conte on the refuge concept. After Representative Conte's death, the Connecticut Chapter approached Senator Joseph Lieberman about the proposal.

Senator Lieberman enthusiastically embraced it, introduced a companion bill in the U.S. Senate, and proposed the refuge be named after Conte. The legislation, which has passed the House and at press time is pending in the Senate, would authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify critical fish and wildlife habitat along the River, and to apply for federal funds to acquire top priority parcels from property owners willing to sell.

Lieberman's bill would also authorize the Fish and Wildlife Service to identify buffer zones and activities within those zones which could damage critical habitats, and to engage in education or management initiatives with willing landowners to reduce these effects.

At a field hearing of the Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works conducted in Hartford on May 2, Senator Lieberman, the Connecticut Chapter's Executive Director Les Corey, and others spoke of the Connecticut River's national importance. Lieberman and Corey noted its status as one of the only major rivers in the country without an industrial city at its mouth. John Conte spoke of his father's tireless efforts to restore what was once one of the world's best runs of shad and Atlantic salmon. He noted, "My father always said he could retire only if the salmon were restored to the Connecticut or the Red Sox won the World Series."

— DAVID SUTHERLAND

Natural Areas Bill Passes General Assembly

AFTER GRUELING PROCEDURAL BATTLES IN BOTH THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE, the Connecticut Chapter gained passage this year of a bill amending the state Natural Area Preserves program. The legislation, which received crucial assistance from Representative Mary Mushinsky (D-Wallingford), will allow private landowners to apply to the state for designation of their lands as state Natural Area Preserves.

The Natural Area Preserves program, in existence since 1969, previously applied only to state-owned lands. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to designate, with the Governor's approval, carefully selected critical natural habitats for ecological management.

The management plans for most other state parks and forests include logging, intensive recreation, or other human uses.

These uses would not normally be included in a Natural Area Preserve management plan, and then only if they would not conflict with the critical ecological values of the area. In a sense, the designation means an area will be managed in as natural a manner as possible.

Most land trusts and conservation organizations already manage their lands in this manner. By being designated as a Natural Area Preserve, however, a privately-held property is also given greater protection against state or municipal condemnation. This year's law states that private lands "subject to a conservation restriction" which "has been conveyed to the state" can be considered for designation. A designated area could then be put to other use only if the Governor and DEP Commissioner agree, after a public hearing, that such other use is a "public necessity" with "no prudent alternative". 

— DAVID SUTHERLAND



1991 Rivers Directory Available

In celebration of June as Rivers Month, American Rivers and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection have released the first-ever directory of river organizations in Connecticut.

The 1991 directory lists organizations involved in river conservation, regulation, and recreational use. One section lists federal and state government agencies. Another lists private groups that work on river conservation and protection. A final section lists businesses and organizations providing river services such as canoe trips, tubing and cruises.

To order, send \$2.00 for each copy to: DEP Publications, Natural Resource Center, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. For ten or more copies, the price is \$1.50.

Please Join Us!

Yes, I'd like to become The Nature Conservancy's newest member in Connecticut.

\$100 (Acorn)* \$50 \$25 \$15

I'm already a member, but would like to join the ranks of Connecticut Acorns*.

\$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$500

* Acorns are Conservancy members who contribute at least \$100 annually to Chapter operations. Connecticut Acorns are exempt from national membership dues notices, are invited on Acorn trips, and receive early notices for special events.

Please make checks payable to The Nature Conservancy and mail to 55 High Street, Middletown, CT 06457-3788. Thank you.

Conservancy Funds Tidal Wetlands Research

From the northwest hills to southeastern Connecticut, The Nature Conservancy's Summer Science and Stewardship programs are flourishing. Universities utilize our lands as outdoor classrooms and research facilities, and information is continuously contributed to the Natural Diversity Data Base.

NELS BARRETT, a graduate student at the University of Connecticut, has been awarded a \$9,192 two-year grant by the Connecticut Chapter to conduct research on freshwater tidal wetlands. Barrett's study, which will lead to his doctorate degree, will examine the processes that form and maintain freshwater tidal wetlands along the Connecticut River. This type of wetland, situated upstream along tidal rivers, is uncommon and the importance of various factors (such as flooding, bare areas, and seed availability) to its formation will be clarified through this project.

Barrett's work, under guidance from Dr. Steward Pickett, with the New York Botanical Garden Institute of Ecosystem

Studies, may provide insight into the establishment of exotic plants, such as purple loosestrife and phragmites, that currently threaten the existence of our tidal marshes. Data produced by this research will help the Conservancy make important biological management decisions.

This is the first award of money by the Connecticut Chapter as part of a Conservation Biology Research Program. Barrett, who received his bachelor's degree from Connecticut College, conducted Conservancy-funded research on Connecticut River wetlands for his master's degree at the University of Connecticut. This continuation and deeper exploration of some of his unanswered questions will augment our understanding of this important ecosystem. *

- BETH LAPIN





The Connecticut River – Uncovering Its Secrets

THE CONNECTICUT RIVER WATERSHED INVENTORY IS UNDERWAY! This is the second year of a two-year program to identify and assess ecologically significant habitats and species within the Connecticut River ecosystem.

The team of scientists, led by plant ecologist Dr. Juliana Barrett, began the field season in mid-May. Already, ornithologist Adam Fry has discovered a new location for grasshopper sparrows (*Ammodramus savannarum*) – a species considered endangered on the Department of Environmental Protection's list of proposed endangered, threatened and special concern species. Fry will be looking for wetland, grassland and upland bird species from Portland north to the Massachusetts border.

Margarett Philbrick, also an ornithologist, will be concentrating her inventory efforts on marsh birds within the southern portion of the Connecticut River area. The ornithologists will be looking for bird species including American bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*), willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*), least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), and northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*).

Botanist Margaret Ardwin will focus her efforts on the search for rare plant species such as sandplain gerardia (*Agalinis acuta*),

small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*), green dragon (*Arisaema dracontium*), and twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*). Ardwin is beginning her third year of inventory work for The Nature Conservancy.

Entomologist Rich Packauskas will examine insect populations. Packauskas recorded ten new state records for insects last year on the lower Connecticut River and hopes for continued success this year within the northern part of the Connecticut River Watershed in Connecticut.

The information collected by the inventory scientists will be added to the Department of Environmental Protection's Natural Diversity Data Base. Both the DEP and The Nature Conservancy use this information to identify critical habitats and establish conservation priorities.

An intensive inventory such as this is an expensive undertaking. The fundraising goal for this two-year project is \$130,000. No public money is available for this work and the Connecticut Chapter must raise all the funds from private sources. Please contact Tom McGuigan at the Connecticut Chapter if you would like to make a financial contribution to the inventory.



Mary Tremaine for the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology



Les Mehrhoff

▲ Above: Small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*), one of the species of rare plants TNC biologists are looking for in the Connecticut River Watershed Inventory.

◀ Left: Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*), a bird that inhabits the Connecticut River watershed.

Conservancy volunteers Barbara Chain and Angelo Frank assist in the planting of over 400 white pine trees, donated to TNC by the Metropolitan District Commission, for bald eagle protection along the Connecticut River.



David Gumbart

Conservancy Benefits from Dedicated Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS PLAY A BIG PART IN THE CONNECTICUT CHAPTER'S STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS, and the past few months have been no exception. Before the warm weather was upon us, twenty volunteers braved late March snow and rain to install protective fencing at The Nature Conservancy's Griswold Point Preserve in Old Lyme, a nesting site for the endangered piping plover and least tern.

With the arrival of these birds back on Connecticut shores, over 40 volunteers in the Conservancy's least tern/piping plover program spend May through August patrolling three nesting areas receiving heavy public use (Griswold Point, Long Beach in Stratford, and Sandy Point in West Haven). By minimizing disturbances and increasing public awareness, Conservancy volunteers give the birds a better chance to successfully fledge their chicks.

In other efforts, a work party was held on Arbor Day at one of the Conservancy's newer sites, Enfield Rapids. This lovely April day saw twenty volunteers plant over 400 white pine trees in an open field

adjacent to a new subdivision. The trees were donated by the Metropolitan District Commission, the Hartford-area water authority. When mature, these trees will provide a buffer between the new homes and wintering bald eagles that inhabit a Conservancy preserve along the Connecticut River.

In May, Bauer Woods in Salisbury was the site of yet another work party. The site of a calcareous fen (a wetland with a limestone base), honeysuckle shrubs were cut back as part of an ongoing effort to remove this non-native species from the fen. After four years of removing the honeysuckle, expanding the cut area each year, the evidence shows our efforts are working. Most previously-cut plants are not resprouting, allowing the native wetland plants to flourish.

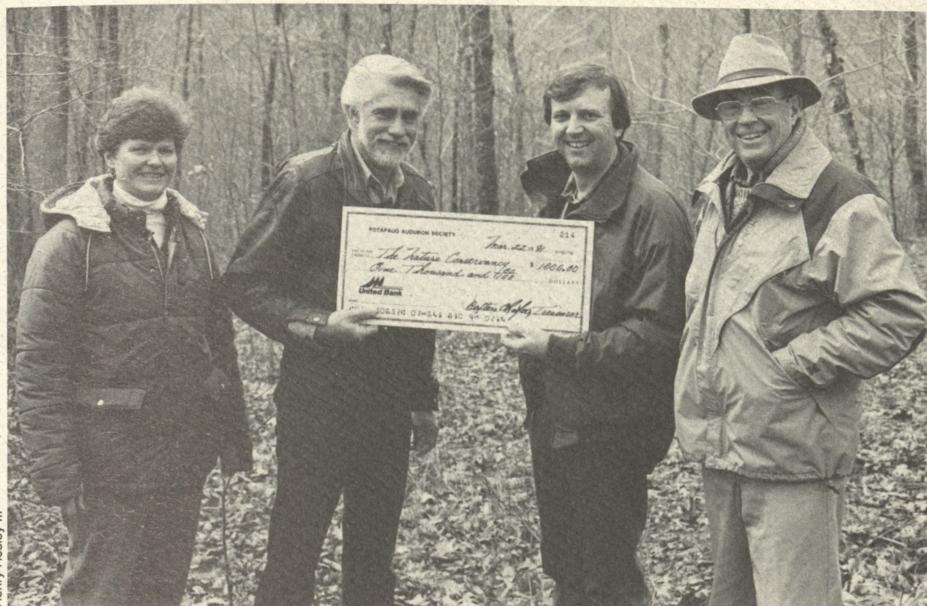
In our efforts to preserve and maintain Connecticut's most important natural areas, Nature Conservancy volunteers continue to make valuable contributions. If you are interested in volunteering for the Connecticut Chapter, please contact our office. 

— DAVID GUMBART

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POTAPAG AUDUBON SOCIETY members presented Les Corey (second from right), Connecticut Chapter Executive Director, with a \$1,000 check to be used for the acquisition of land at the Chapman Pond Preserve. Audubon members presenting the check were (left to right) Betsy Morgan, Program Coordinator; Jim Morgan, President; and Dexter Chafee, Treasurer. 

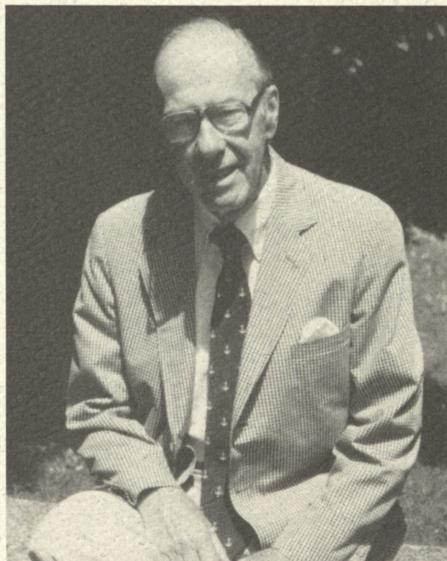
MEMBERS PROFILE

RECOGNIZE THIS FELLOW? If you are affiliated with a garden club, power squadron, civic group, or local nature center, you may have seen his slide presentation. His name is Peter Borgemeister and we are delighted to spotlight him for this summer's Member's Profile.

Peter is an energetic Conservancy volunteer who lectures to myriad groups describing our efforts to identify and protect critical areas along the Connecticut River. He is well acquainted with environmental land issues, and his familiarity stems from his active involvement in land conservation.

Currently, Peter is Vice President of the Branford Land Trust and serves on the Development Committee for the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale. He was co-founder of the first private townwide land conservation trust in the state, the Madison Land Conservation Trust, and has been a longtime member of the Branford Inland Wetland Commission. Prior to retiring, he was Executive Vice President of the Connecticut Society of Architects.

Peter has been a Conservancy member since 1973 and is a Connecticut Acorn. We are truly fortunate for Peter's assistance in



Dorothy Millen

lecturing, and for his long support. Recently we received a note after one of his lectures, which said "We need more people like you, Peter, to guard against man's aggressive behavior toward the gifts provided by 'mother' nature." This note aptly describes the depth of Peter's involvement. We thank you, Peter, for your dedicated assistance to The Nature Conservancy and to the land. 

- DOROTHY MILLEN

August 24 (Saturday)

9 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Family Natural History Walk
at Devil's Den

This is the last chance of the summer for a hike at Devil's Den. For information, please call Steve Patton or Lise Hanners at Devil's Den Preserve (226-4991).

September 10 (Tuesday)

7:30 P.M.

Juan Carlos Navarro,
Director of ANCON,
Darien Audubon Society

Juan Carlos Navarro, Director of the Panamanian conservation organization ANCON, will speak on "Panama's Darien National Park" at the Darien (Connecticut) Audubon Society meeting. The event will be held at the Darien Library at 35 Leroy Avenue.

October 5 (Saturday)

Connecticut Chapter

31st Annual Meeting

Town Grove, Lakeville, CT

The annual meeting will feature DEP Commissioner Timothy Keeney, Les Corey's year-in-review presentation, John McNeely and his Andean Condor, and field trips. Please see announcement on pages 10-11.

September 21 - October 14

The 10th Anniversary
Celebration of Coastweeks

Coordinated by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and Connecticut Sea Grant, will include a beach clean-up (September 21st), concert, walks, talks, a coastal road race, and other events. For information, please call Kelly Jones at Coastweeks (566-4113).

October 26 (Saturday)

Open Space Conference
Haddam/Killingworth High
School, Haddam, CT

The Land Trust Service Bureau in cooperation with the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions and the Connecticut Cooperative Extension System will hold an all-day conference on open space planning and preservation. For more details, please contact Lesley Olsen at the Chapter offices (344-9867).



The Connecticut Chapter 31st Annual

Saturday, October 5, 1991, Lakeville, Connecticut

Program

- 9:00 A.M. Registration and refreshments
- 10:00 A.M. Connecticut Chapter Annual Business Meeting
 - Robert M. Schneider, Chairman, Board of Trustees
- 11:00 A.M. Awards Ceremony
- 11:15 A.M. Guest Speakers
 - Timothy Keeney, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
 - Demonstration by John McNeely and his Andean condor – slide program and flight demonstration
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch (sandwich, salad, fruit, cookie, beverage)
- 1:30 P.M. Depart for Field Trips

John McNeely shown feeding his Andean condor.



Join the Connecticut Chapter Board of Trustees and staff for an enjoyable autumn day in northwest Connecticut. Guest speakers, field trips, an Andean condor, and other events will be part of the Chapter's 31st Annual Membership Meeting.

Guest Speakers

TIMOTHY KEENEY, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), will speak on "Emerging Priorities for Environmental Protection in Connecticut". Originally from Hartford, Mr. Keeney recently returned to his native state from Washington, D.C. where he served as the Director of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

JOHN MCNEELY and his Andean condor will present a spectacular program on this incredible bird. A slide show will be followed by an outdoor presentation. John McNeely has a wide range of experience as a naturalist and film-maker. He worked over two years as production assistant on the IMAX film "On the Wing" which premiered at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum. In 1988, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave an Andean condor, which could not survive in the wild, to McNeely who taught the giant bird to become a free-flying educational ambassador.

Field Trips

Field trip spaces are limited, so register early. Trips will last approximately two to two-and-one-half hours.

SCENIC TOUR WITH THE HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY. Join TNC trustees and staff for a two-and-one-half-hour train ride from historic Union Station in Canaan through the Housatonic River Valley and past Robbins Swamp, a 1000-acre wetland rated as one of the best in New England.

We plan to fill an all-Conservancy car! Train departs at 2:30. Cost is \$9.75 for adults, \$6.00 for children (12 and under) and Senior Citizens (65 and over).

BALD PEAK HIKE – short, moderate hike up bald peak to watch for migrating hawks and enjoy the spectacular view. Trip leader: TNC trustee and author Gene Billings.

CANOEING ON LAKE WONONSCOPOMUC – Join Connecticut Chapter Trustee Dr. Peter Rich for a presentation on limnology (the study of lakes) followed by a canoe trip on Lake Wononscopomuc. Participants must bring their own canoes.

HAMLET HILL HIKE – moderate-difficult with some steep climbs on the Appalachian Trail through a TNC preserve. Trip leader: David Sutherland, Connecticut Chapter staff member.

MOORE BROOK TOUR – a plant-lover's walk through an unusual calcareous wetland. Easy walk, but prepare to get your feet wet. Trip leaders: Beth Lapin and Claudia Polksy, Connecticut Chapter staff members.

SAGES RAVINE AND SCHENOB BROOK HIKE – moderate hike to high priority sites for the Connecticut and Massachusetts Chapters of the Conservancy. This trip will be jointly led by staff from the two chapters.

Nominations to the Chapter Board of Trustees

The Chapter's Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Officers and Trustees as nominees to the Connecticut Chapter Board of Trustees:

Nominated as Members of the Board for election by the general membership:

MR. DANIEL PUTNAM BROWN, JR., NORTH GRANBY – Attorney at Shipman and Goodwin in Hartford, with a long professional interest in planning and zoning issues, representing both developers and citizens' groups. Mr. Brown is on the management committee of the Chapter's Messenger Preserve; a trustee of the McLean Fund, which manages the McLean Refuge in Simsbury; and a trustee of the Granby Land Trust, Inc. (*three year term*)

MR. RAYMOND D'ARGENIO, WEST HARTFORD – Retired Senior Vice President for Communications of United Technologies, with responsibility for the company's worldwide communication activities, including public relations, advertising, and corporate contributions. Mr. D'Argenio is also an avid fly fisherman and mushroom hunter. (three year term)

DR. MARY ALICE WHITE, SALISBURY – Director of Electronic Learning Laboratory and Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. White chairs the Land Trust Committee of Salisbury Association and serves on the advisory board of the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program. She is also the author of more than sixty articles and books. (three year term)

Dr. PETER RICH (re-election)
(one year term)

Mr. EVAN S. GRISWOLD (re-election)
(three year term)

Mr. E. OGDEN TANNER (re-election)
(three year term)

Nominated as Officers (one-year terms) for re-election by the Board of Trustees:

ROBERT M. SCHNEIDER, LYME, Chairman

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▲ Timothy Keeney, Commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Directions

Directions to the Annual Meeting at Town Grove, in Lakeville, on Lake Wononscopomuc in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

Travelers from southeast to Lakeville: Rt. I-84 to Rt. 8 north, take Rt. 44 west to Lakeville (*see below).

Travelers from northeast to Lakeville: Rt. 44 west to Lakeville (*see below).

Travelers from south to Lakeville: Rt. 7 north to Rt. 112 west to Rt. 41 north to Rt. 44 west, turn left (*see below).

* Look for "Peking Restaurant" on the right, where Routes 44 and 41 split. Proceed on Route 44 approximately 200 feet and take first left onto Holly Street. Proceed to entrance on right. (Note: Lake Wononscopomuc is on CT State Road Map.)

Annual Meeting Reservation Form – Please respond by Wed., Sept. 5

NAME OF EACH ATTENDEE (FOR NAMETAGS): _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING ____ @ \$20 EACH (INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH) \$ ____

Field Trip Choice – Choose one of below. All field trips except Housatonic Valley Railroad free of charge.

HOUSATONIC VALLEY RAILROAD: NUMBER OF ADULTS ____ @ \$9.75 EACH \$ ____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER) OR
SENIOR CITIZENS (65 AND OVER) ____ @ \$6.00 EACH \$ ____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY) \$ ____

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER ON EACH TRIP:

BALD PEAK HAWK WATCHING HAMLET HILL HIKE

MOORE BROOK TOUR SAGES RAVINE/SCHENOB BROOK HIKE

LAKE WONONSCOPOMUC CANOE TRIP NO FIELD TRIP DESIRED

IF YOUR GROUP DOES NOT ATTEND ONE TRIP TOGETHER, PLEASE INDICATE THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ON SPECIFIC TRIPS.

Please note that all TNC members are invited to attend the Annual Business meeting of the Connecticut Chapter at no charge. Reservations for the remaining part of the program (speakers, lunch, field trips) will be on a first come, first serve basis.

The Nature Conservancy

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Alex Gardner Migrates South



ALEX GARDNER, conservationist extraordinaire, trustee and Chairman of the Connecticut Chapter Board of Trustees (1982-1986) and Chairman of the Connecticut River Protection Program, is moving to Atlanta, Georgia.

As Chairman, Alex reigned over a decade of unparalleled growth and habitat-saving accomplishments by the Connecticut Chapter. In 1984, Alex was awarded The Nature Conservancy's prestigious Oak Leaf Award for his efforts to protect the biotic integrity of our natural landscape.

Alex also served on the Board of American Rivers, Connecticut Audubon Society, and as Board Chairman of the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History. His enthusiastic leadership, sharp intellect, and lively wit will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues in Connecticut. Les Corey, Executive Director of the Chapter, commented at a farewell gathering for Alex, "We will all miss you tremendously, Alex, but your contagious spirit and visionary quest to preserve all things natural will live on through the lands you have saved and through each and every one of us."

We wish Alex every success and joy in his new nest south of the Mason-Dixon line. 

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